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SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH POTENTIAL ACCESS AGENT HARRY ((MANNIL))

1. ON 22 OCT COS WAS INTRODUCED BY C/NVENGRAM TO PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN HARRY ((MANNIL)) (SUBJECT), EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF ACO GROUP ENTERPRISES. MEETING WAS BILLED BY C/NVENGRAM IN ADVANCE AS OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBJECT TO DISCUSS WITH US HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR IVAN IOSIPOVICH ((VYALYAS)). A ONE-HOUR MEETING ENSUED, WITH SUBJECT VERY FORTHCOMING AND AGREEABLE TO CONTINUED CONTACT WITH CO..

2. SUBJECT EXPLAINED THAT HIS TIES WITH LOCAL SOVIET EMBASSY GO BAC 10 YEARS, WHEN HE WAS FIRST PUT IN TOUCH WITH SOVIET COMMERCIAL SECTION BY A SPANISH BANKER FRIEND FROM MADRID (NFI). FROM THAT TIME FORWARD SUBJECT HAS BEEN "COURTED" BY COMMERCIAL MISSION PERSONNEL ANXIOUS TO ARRANGE SALES OF SOVIET MACHINERY TO ONE OR ANOTHER OF SUBJECT'S WIDESPREAD INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS IN VENEZUELA. SUBJECT NOTED THAT LATEST SOVIET SCHEME IS TO SELL HIM "LARGE PASSENGER HELICOPTERS" TO ENABLE INAUGURATION OF A COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER TAXI SERVICE BETWEEN CARACAS AND THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ((MAIQUETIA)) SOME 30 MILES AND ONE HOUR'S DRIVING TIME DISTANT.

3. SUBJECT INDICATED THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH VYALYAS HAD BECOME A CLOSE, PERSONAL ONE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS SINCE BOTH ARE ESTONIANS. SUBJECT LEFT HIS HOMETOWN IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORLD WAR II AND RESETTLED IN VENEZUELA BUT HAS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO REMAINED IN TALLININ. SUBJECT SPECIFIED THAT HIS BROTHER IS A "SOVIET SCIENTIST" (NFI) AND THAT VYALYAS AS RECENTLY AS THIS PAST SUMMER ACTED AS COURIER FOR CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO BROTHERS.

4. SUBJECT CHARACTERIZED THE AMBASSADOR AS A DISCIPLINED, INTELLIGENT MAN; CLOSE TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND A STAUNCH ESTONIAN NATIONALIST. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, VYALYAS IS AN ORPHAN WHO WAS RAISED, EDUCATED AND NUTURED BY THE SOVIET STATE SYSTEM, ALL IN ESTONIA. SUBJECT BELIEVES THAT VYALYAS' NATIONALISM IS OF THE VARIETY APPROVED OF AND PROMOTED BY THE SOVIET SYSTEM, I.E., THAT ETHNIC NATIONALITIES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE USSR AND

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THAT SUCH NATIONALITIES WERE VERY MUCH FIRST CLASS CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET UNION. IN SUM, SUBJECT'S PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION OF VYALYAS DID NOT TEND TO SUPPORT PREVIOUS REPORTING BY A BND SOURCE THAT THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT BE A CANDIDATE FOR DEFECTION.

5. CO ASKED SUBJECT HIS OPINION THE REASON BEHIND VYALYAS' ASSIGNMENT TO VENEZUELA. SUBJECT REPLIED THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S "PARTY LINE" RESPONSE WAS THAT THE USSR WISHED TO HAVE MINORITY ETHNICS IN KEY POSITIONS OVERSEAS TO PROVE LACK OF PREJUDICE BY THE SYSTEM. SUBJECT STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE AMBASSADOR'S PARTY LINE WAS JUST THAT AND THAT IT WAS LIKELY HE ENDED UP ON THE SHORT END OF A LOCAL POWER STRUGGLE AND HENCE WAS IN A SORT OF EXILE. SUBJECT SAID HE KNEW FOR A FACT THAT VYALYAS, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, WERE EXTREMELY HOMESICK AND WOULD RETURN PCS TO ESTONIA INSTANTLY IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.

6. C 3 VIEWS THIS INITIAL CONTACT WITH SUBJECT AS QUITE PROMISING AND HE AGREED TO REGULAR FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. PLAYING ON SUBJECT'S CLEAR DESIRE TO IMPRESS CO WITH HIS ORGANIZED AND BUSINESSLIKE LIFESTYLE, WE INTEND TO ATTEMPT TO PUT THIS RELATIONSHIP ON A BUSINESSLIKE FOOTING ASAP. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS/TALKING POINTS HQS MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO AID IN DEBRIEFING SUBJECT AND TO ARM HIM WITH PROVOCATIVE QUERIES FOR HIS FUTURE CONTACTS WITH VYALYAS.

7. AS A FINAL NOTE, ON 24 OCT A FRIEND OF C/NVENGRAM REPORTED THAT SUBJECT WAS AT THE SOVIET RESIDENCE ENGAGED IN "DEEP CONVERSATION" WITH VYALYAS. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT C 3 NOTED SOVIET AMBASSADOR AT AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY WEARING TAILOR-MADE SHIRT IDENTICAL TO THE TYPE SPORTED BY SUBJECT ON REGULAR BASIS. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE TIE BETWEEN SUBJECT AND VYALYAS IS STRONG. WHAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IS WHETHER SUBJECT'S STATED PRO-NVBLAZON POLITICAL POSITION OUTWEIGHS PERSONAL/ETHNIC TIES TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

8. FORWARDING SEPARATE REQUEST FOR POA AND CRYPT FOR HARRY ((MANNIL)).

9. FILE: 201- ((MANNIL)). DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82. ALL

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